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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Building Maintenance

1. Messrs. Blake, [REDACTED] met with me at 10:00 on 6 January to review the circumstances of our relationships with GSA both as to provision of guard services and the maintenance of our buildings. We reviewed the background from the decision 10 years ago to give to GSA the responsibility up to the present time including the overtime problem of guards, the inadequate performance in building maintenance, particularly as to utilities, the legislation which has been introduced providing for occupant agency budgeting of costs and some consideration of political and legal implications. It was agreed by all that this was a subject which needed study and serious consideration. It was likewise agreed that we need to know more than we do now. Mr. Blake reported that they had in the works a study proposing that Logistics take over the responsibilities for all the special purpose areas in the building which approved within the Agency would require discussion and approval by GSA.

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2. It was agreed that the Office of General Counsel, [REDACTED] would appraise the current legislation both as to its likelihood of passing and as to the implications for GSA and the Agency in programming and budgeting for operating costs. OGC will also look into the police power aspects of the GSA guard force and a guard force run by the Agency. This will include consideration of the fact that the Agency has no domestic police powers. Mr. Blake will attempt within his own facilities to appraise both the price and size of the building operation currently conducted by GSA and [REDACTED] will develop data on the costs to the Agency should we run our own guard system.

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Since Mr. Taylor of OMB was already aware of our past displeasures with GSA performance Mr. Blake will talk with [REDACTED] and then have an informal discussion with Mr. Taylor to explore possible OMB positions or interests in our pursuing a takeover from GSA. Although no date was fixed I would assume that the various efforts would take some time and I would propose to regroup about the first of April.

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*Robert S. Wattles*

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cc: Mr. Blake  
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